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TETSUYA KAWANABE

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SYSTEM, IMAGE DATA  
PROCESSING METHOD,  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

Europe 0 575 168  
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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report dated March 18, 2005 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

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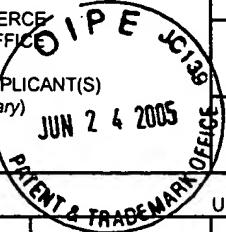
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	EP	<b>0 575 168</b>	<b>12/22/93</b>	<b>Europe</b>			
	EP	<b>0 920 184</b>	<b>06/02/99</b>	<b>Europe</b>			

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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